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SUBJ: PROBABLE JACK ANDERSON ARTICLE

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1. REFTEL RECEIVED JUST AS I WAS PREPARING TELEGRAM ON MY APRIL 26 CONVERSATION WITH AP REPORTER WILLIAM NICOLSON. ACCORDING TO NICOLSON, HE MET APRIL 25 WITH INTERIOR MINISTER MONTANARO WHO RESPONDED TO HIS QUESTIONS ABOUT JOSEPH MENGELE AS FOLLOWS: MENGELE TOOK OUT PARAGUAYAN CITIZENSHIP IN 1959; HE LIVED IN PARAGUAY FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS OR UNTIL 1961-62; MENGELE HAS NOT RE-ENTERED PARAGUAY SINCE THAT TIME; IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE ME I WILL BE GLAD TO SHOW YOU THE POLICE RECORD TOMORROW (NICOLSON HOPES HE WILL DELIVER ON THIS PROMISE BUT IS SKEPTICAL); MENGELE NOW LIVES IN BRAZIL; I KNOW THIS BECAUSE AMBASSADOR LANDAU TOLD ME.

2. COMMENT: NICOLSON APPEARED QUITE SATISFIED THAT HE HAD UNCOVERED A LOT ABOUT MENGELE AND HIS ACQUISITION OF PARAGUAYAN CITIZENSHIP, WHICH HE UNDOUBTEDLY PAID HEAVILY FOR, AND WHICH, ACCORDING TO NICOLSON, IS FLAWED BECAUSE THERE ARE DEFECTS IN THE LEGAL DOCUMENTS, E.G., THE NAME OF THE LAWYER AND OTHER OFFICIALS DO NOT APPEAR.

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3. NICOLSON SAID HE WOULD GIVE ME A FINAL REPORT ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST BEFORE HE LEFT ASUNCION.

4. IN THE OPINION OF MOST INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS, MONTANARO SUBSCRIBES TO THE THEORY THAT A LITTLE INACCURACY HERE AND THERE SAVES A LOT OF EXPLANATION.

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